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Airfield

1. The airfield at Swidnica is an old German airfield located along Highway No. 6 between Swidnica and Wroclaw. The Soviets have built only one new barracks building there. It is a one-story, concrete building 20 by 5 by 4 meters in size and it looks like a storage building. [REDACTED] 25X1
2. In the parking area indicated by the letter C on Sketch No. 1 [REDACTED] from six to eight bi-motored bomber aircraft which were painted green. From [REDACTED] these aircraft were always kept ready for immediate use. 25X1
3. In the parking area indicated by the letter D on Sketch No. 1, [REDACTED] a number of bomber aircraft. 25X1
4. All flights observed took place during the night.
5. At the barracks indicated by the number 4 on Sketch No. 1, [REDACTED] about 20 trucks which were transporting gasoline. 25X1
6. The airfield is surrounded by a barbed wire fence about three meters high. A guard detachment comes each day from the section of Swidnica occupied by the Soviets. They are soldiers with green cap bands. No civilians at all are admitted to the field.
7. The anti-aircraft firing positions on the field are in good order and the guns are ready for use.
8. About 100 Soviet Air Force officers stationed at the field are quartered in former civilian houses in the southern section of Swidnica.

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Air Force Caserne

9. A Soviet Air Force caserne is located west of Swidnica on the left side of the road to Slotwina. The caserne is believed to be related administratively to the other Air Force installations at Swidnica. Soviet Air Force troops have been stationed in Swidnica since 1945.
10. There are probably more than 700 troops housed in the caserne. They have blue cap bands and shoulderboards and wear Soviet stars [redacted] 25X1
speaking in Russian. It is believed that they may be parachutists.
11. No heavy or medium equipment was observed at the caserne. There were several large ZIS trucks in the garage.
12. The caserne area is about 250 by 300 meters in size and is surrounded by a fence about two meters high on a concrete foundation about one-half meter high. There was a guard at the gate and roving sentries inside the fence were observed several times.

Air Force Storage Center

13. A Soviet Air Force storage center is located about 500 meters east of Swidnica alongside the Swidnica-Wroclaw railroad and about eight meters west of it; the storage center is about six meters southwest of the southeast corner of the Swidnica Airfield and about 70 meters northeast of a Soviet Air Force caserne.
14. The storage center was built in 1936 or 1937 by the German Army. It has been used by Soviet troops ever since 1945. It is guarded by Soviet airmen.
15. [redacted] three large storage buildings in the center contain provisions and Air Force equipment, notably parachutes. 25X1
16. A siding of the Swidnica-Wroclaw railroad line enters the area. The storage center seems not to have a motor pool of its own, but many trucks enter and leave the area.
17. The storage center employs no civilian labor.
18. The area is guarded by roving sentries and is surrounded by a barbed wire fence three meters high.

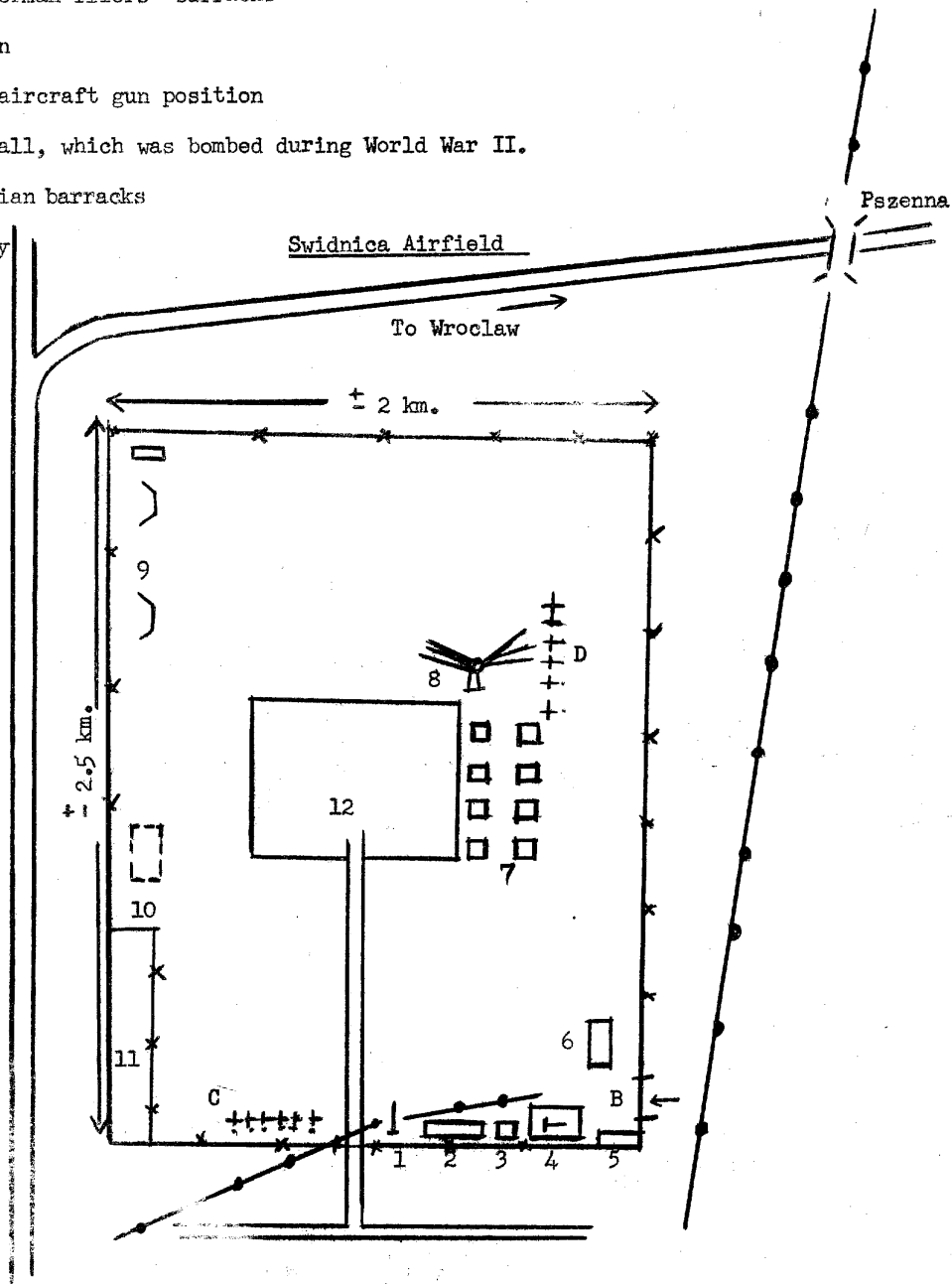
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Legend to Sketch No. 1

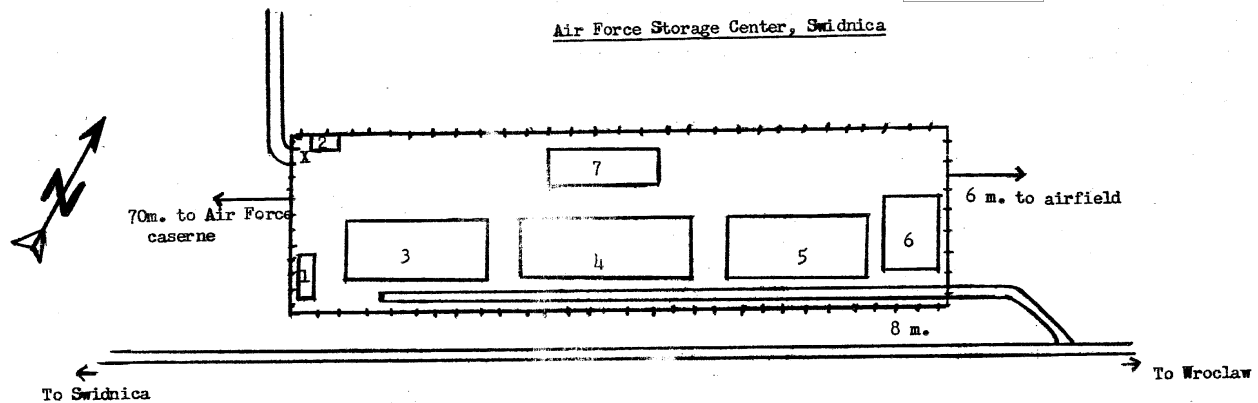
1. Wind sock
2. Workshop
3. Fire station
4. Gasoline tanks
5. Guardroom
6. New building of unknown purpose
7. Old German fliers' barracks
8. Beacon
9. Anti-aircraft gun position
10. Big hall, which was bombed during World War II.
11. Civilian barracks
12. Runway



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Legend to Sketch No. 2

1. Unidentified one-story building, concrete, 15 by 8 meters in size.
2. Guardroom, probably also offices; one-story, concrete, 10 by 5 meters.
- 3, 4, and 5. Storage buildings, six or seven stories, concrete, 50 by 25 meters in size; windows painted gray-blue.
6. Storage building; concrete, 30 by 30 by 8 meters in size.
7. Probably a storage building, concrete, 35 by 15 by 6 meters in size; has a wooden roof.
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